

taluk, there would be more than the required strength for an English school. As regards the building for the school, the building constructed by the people was being utilized for the Training School, which was formerly held in a rented building. The building now used for the Training School might be used for the English school. The Member, therefore, prayed for the opening of a Lower Grade Secondary school for girls at Quilon.

The Member next dealt with the need for sanctioning a Police Station at Kavanathu near the Neendakara Bar and said that the place was an important centre of trade with a market to which the men and women of the adjacent localities resorted to find a sale for their articles of produce and manufacture. A band of lawless people committed acts of violence upon the poor men and women resorting to the market and deprived them of their small earnings. The place had become notorious for rioting and other serious offences against life and property. The Member, therefore, suggested the establishment of an out-post at the locality.

He next urged the improvement of two roads, the first of which, he said, ran from the market to the Ashtamudi lake. That road was very useful for transporting goods from the market to the landing place and *vice versa*. The road was only half a furlong in length and stood in need of repair. The second road was a mile to the south of the first mentioned road and connected the Mamoottukadavu with the main road running from Quilon to the northern taluks. The length of the road was $1\frac{1}{2}$ furlong. It was useful for the Arat procession from Sakthikulangara temple and for passengers alighting at the said *kadavu* and for transporting goods. The road had been encroached upon by the adjacent landowners. The Member requested that the two roads might be ordered to be metalled and rendered cartable.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

147. Needs of the Kunnathur taluk.

Mr. R. Madhavan Unnithan (Member, Kunnathur taluk) pressed on the attention of the Government the following needs of the Kunnathur taluk :—

- (1) The early construction of a building for locating the Munsiff's Court at Adur.
- (2) The repair of the river bund at Padinjarekallada.
- (3) Disafforestation of the Kodumon Reserve.
- (4) The construction of the road proposed to be cut from Kunukode to the 20th mile of the Kayenkulam—Shencottah road.

(5) The conversion of the village road from the 13th mile on the Kayenkulam—Shencottah road to Anayadipalam on the Shasthankotta—Charummood road, into a cartable road.

(6) Repair of the Puthiakavil *chira*.

(7) The raising of the standard of the local English school up to the Third Form. There was enough space in the existing building for an additional class. The Member prayed that the above proposals might be sympathetically considered by the Government.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

148. Needs of the Karunagapalli taluk.

Mr. E. Kesava Pillai (Member, Karunagapalli taluk) prayed that the roads from Chavara to Karunagapalli, from Karunagapalli to Ochira and from Karunagapalli to Shasthankotta might be metalled and made cartable.

He next said that the people of the taluk were in a backward condition in English education and that, acting on the Dewan's reply to the representation made last year that the Government would render the necessary assistance, if the people were prepared to open a Secondary school, the people had built a substantial

building at a cost of Rs. 2,000. The Member prayed that the Government might be pleased to take up the building and conduct the school or that a substantial grant might be sanctioned in aid of the institution.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

149. Needs of the Mavelikara taluk.

Mr. K. G. Madharan (Member, Nominated) referred to the following needs of the Mavelikara taluk and prayed that the same might receive the early attention of the Government:—

- (1) The establishment of an English school for girls.
- (2) The early completion of the new building for locating the Munsiff's Court.
- (3) The establishment of a College at Mavelikara for the benefit of the whole of Central Travancore.
- (4) Rendering assistance to the people of the taluk, especially the ryots of Onattukara, by affording them better facilities for paddy cultivation.
- (5) The removal of the encroachments on the tributaries of the Kulak-kada river and the vesting of the power to effect such removals in the canal on the P. W. Department, instead of the Land Revenue Department.
- (6) The construction of a bridge over the Kuripuzha *thodu*, half a furlong west of the Kuripuzha bridge.
- (7) The establishment of an Agricultural School near the Experimental Farm.
- (8) Encouraging and helping the weaving industry recently started by private enterprise.
- (9) Sanctioning grant-in-aid to a private dispensary started for curing snake-bite.
- (10) Metalling a part of the road lying to the west of Chettikulangara temple and extending it to a point between Kuripuzha and Pathiyur bridges.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

150. Needs of the Ettumanur taluk.

Mr. R. Narayana Pillai (Member, Ettumanur taluk) made the following requests and prayed that the Government might be pleased to grant the same:—

- (1) The condition of education was backward in the taluk. The Lower Grade Secondary school in the taluk should be raised to the standard of a High School.
- (2) A dispensary should be established near the Sub-Registry Office at Kaduthuruthi; or, if that was not possible, the Hospital Assistant at the Vaikom Hospital might be asked to stay three days in the week at Kaduthuruthi to examine and treat patients. A mid-wife should also be permanently sanctioned for Kaduthuruthi.
- (3) The abandoned irrigation canals at Kaduthuruthi should be improved. The people were sure to co-operate and render every assistance. The Director of Agriculture and Fisheries should be asked to inspect and report on the condition of other canals which could not be easily improved. The Government should give to the ryots free of cost the *kole* teak required for making bridges, bunds, etc., for storing water in the summer season for agricultural purposes.
- (4) The three feet trace from the Pala road to Thalayolaparambu Market passing through Pulluvattom, Kattampakku and Gneezhoor should be made a public road.
- (5) The *punja* cultivation suffered badly on account of the failure to put up bunds at the proper time to prevent the entry of brackish water into the paddy fields. If the fund sanctioned for the purpose was entrusted to the Ettumanur Taluk